

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: HETTISH

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
PROVIDING INFORMATION  
REGARDING AN IDENTITY'S  
TRUE AVAILABILITY

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) Confirmation No.: 3718

) Group Art Unit: 2161

) Examiner: Kavita Padmanabhan

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Sirs:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.